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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON RUMORED PALESTINIAN OPERATION IN EASTERN  
          PROVINCE

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1. INTIAL SOURCE AGAIN MADE CONTACT WITH NCOIC. HE REPORTED NAME OF SHIP PALESTINIANS PLANNED TO HIT AS THE FRED DAVIES (NOTE: THE DAVIES IS AN ELDERLY ARAMCO TANKER WHICH HAS BEEN USED AN AN OIL TRANSFER HULK AT RAS TANURA. IT WAS RECENTLY MADE READY FOR SEA AND IS EXPECTED TO STEAM TO A POSITION OFF JIDDA FOR SERVICE AS A STORAGE FACILITY FOR JET FUEL).
  2. SOURCE TOLD NCOIC LOCAL PALESTINIANS CALLED IN AN "OUTSIDE GROUP" TO SURVEY OPERATIONAL POSSIBILITIES AGAINST THE DAVIES. HE NOTED THE "OUTSIDE GROUP" TOLD LOCALS SHIP WAS TOO OLD TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION. THE GROUP ADDED, SOURCE SAID, THAT SECURITY WAS TIGHT AND IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FORGET THE WHOLE THING -- AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.
  3. SOURCE ALSO TOLD NCOIC HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT AT LEAST TWO HIGHLY PLACED LOCAL PALESTINIAN BUSINESSMEN CAUTIONED RADICAL ELEMENTS THAT ANY OPERATION IN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD PROVE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. THE BUSINESSMEM MADE STRONG POINT THAT AN OPERATION IN THE KINGDOMWOULD SURELY RESULT IN UNTOLD TROUBLE FOR PALESTINIAN COMMUNVHY IN CAUSINGTHE CUTTING OFF OF SAUDI CONTRIB-UTIONS TO THE CAUSE. THEY MADE POINT THAT SAUDI GOVERNMENT  
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- CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN HEAVY AND AN OPERATION WOULD CERTAINLY KILL AN EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE GOOSE.
4. RSO GUTENSHON MET WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL MOHAMMAD MALKY AND

COLONEL AHMED MULTANI OF THE SAUDI GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE  
TIZY#. MALKY IS CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN  
PROVINCE AND MULTANI HIS DEPUTY. THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED OF RUMOR  
AT TIME IT CAME TO ATTENTION OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL. MALKY  
STATED ALL SAUDI POLICE INVESTIGATIVE AND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS  
HAD BEEN ALERTED AND WERE ACTIVELY CHECKING ALL SOURCES.

5. BG MALKY STATED HIS AN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAD OBTAINED NO  
PERTINENT INFORMATION. HE TOLD RSO THAT IF SOMETHING WAS AFOOT  
"CONSIDERING THE AMOUNT OF TIME AND MONEY WE SPEND IN MONITORING  
SUCH GROUPS" HE WOULD CERTAINLY KNOW ABOUT IT. HE ADDED THE  
SAUDIS  
VIEW SUCH RUMORS WITH UTMOST SERIOUSNESS AND THAT  
INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE. HE STATED THE CONSULATE GENERAL WILL BE  
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY RESULTS.

6. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, ALL POSSIBLE PROTECTIVE PRECAUTIONS  
HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE SAUDIS AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL. WILL  
INFORM IMMEDIATE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.  
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